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A Website for Health Care Providers on Water Terrorism Preparedness



Communication between health care providers and water utility personnel is essential to ensure the health and safety of our nation's water supplies. Doctors, nurses, and others in primary care would likely be the first to observe unusual illness patterns or disease trends resulting from intentional biological or chemical contamination. They have a critical role in diagnosing waterborne disease, communicating risk, and cooperating with water utilities to protect public health.

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“Recognizing Waterborne Disease and the Health Effects of Water Pollution: A Physician On-line Reference Guide,” by Patricia L. Meinhardt, MD, MPH, MA, includes a section, “**Physician Preparedness for Acts of Water Terrorism.**” It is available at WaterHealthConnection.org. The site features

- **Free access to clinically relevant information** on recognition, management, and prevention of waterborne disease from pathogens and chemical contamination
- **Peer-reviewed content** by leading experts from medical academia and public health agencies, including CDC, ATSDR, and EPA
- **Risk communication and patient risk evaluation guidelines** for both healthy and susceptible populations
- **"Ease of use" tools and website support** for busy health professionals
- **Continuing Medical Education** accreditation toward AMA Physician's Recognition Award (maximum of 22 CME credits), sponsored by the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM)
- **Certificate of Participation for non-physicians** to submit for continuing education credits in their fields, also sponsored by ACPM

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